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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDAKI OHSHIMA et al.)
Application No.: 09/176,274)
Filed: October 21, 1998)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
AND COMPUTER-READABLE)
MEMORY : Monday, May 1, 2006

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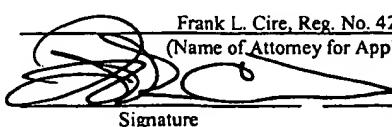
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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